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Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment in view of the amendments and the following comments.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner allowed Claims 13-19.

Claim Rejections

In the November 5, 2002 Office Action, the Examiner rejects Claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by McCormack (U.S. Patent No. 6,054,761). Further, the Examiner rejects Claim 12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over McCormack. Applicants have canceled Claims 9-12. The rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§102(e) and 103(a) are, therefore, believed to be moot.

CONCLUSION


As Claims 13-19 are allowed and Claims 9-12 have been canceled, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Applicants have endeavored to address all of the Examiner's concerns as expressed in the outstanding Office Action. In light of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to pass the application with Claims 13-19 to allowance.

If the Examiner finds any remaining impediment to the prompt allowance of these claims that could be clarified with a telephone conference, the Examiner is respectfully requested to initiate the same with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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